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Amend House File 882, as amended, passed, and 2 reprinted by the House, as follows: 3 #1. Page 21, by inserting after line 8, the 4 following: <Sec. _ Section 441.37, subsection 1, Code 6 2005, is amended by adding the following new 7 unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The property owner or 9 aggrieved taxpayer may combine on one form protests of 10 assessment on parcels separately assessed if the same 11 grounds are relied upon as the basis for protesting 12 each separate assessment. If an oral hearing is 13 requested on more than one of such protests, the 14 person making the combined protests may request that 15 the oral hearings be held consecutively.

16 Sec. ____. Section 441.37, subsection 3, Code 2005, 17 is amended to read as follows:

3. After the board of review has considered any 19 protest filed by a property owner or aggrieved 20 taxpayer and made final disposition of the protest, 21 the board shall give written notice to the property 22 owner or aggrieved taxpayer who filed the protest of 23 the action taken by the board of review on the The written notice to the property owner or 24 protest. 1 25 aggrieved taxpayer shall also specify the reasons for 26 the action taken by the board of review on the 27 protest. If protests of assessment on multiple 28 parcels separately assessed were combined, the written 29 notice shall state the action taken, and the reasons

30 for the action, for each assessment protested.
31 Sec. ____. NEW SECTION. 441.40A REIMBURSEMENT OF 1 32 APPELLANT COSTS.

33 1. Notwithstanding section 441.40, where the court 34 determines the appellant's property was assessed by 35 the assessor for more than one hundred ten percent of 36 its post=appeal value, the assessor shall pay all 37 reasonable attorney fees and any other reasonably 38 related costs incurred by the appellant. This 39 subsection applies only to appeals relating to 40 assessments on property assessed as residential or 41 agricultural property.

42 2. Notwithstanding section 441.40, where the court 43 determines the appellant's property was assessed by 44 the assessor for more than one hundred twenty percent 45 of its post-appeal value and the court finds that the 46 assessor's position in regard to assessment of the 47 property was not substantially justified, the assessor 48 shall pay all reasonable attorney fees and any other 49 reasonably related costs incurred by the appellant. 50 This subsection applies only to appeals relating to 1 assessments on property assessed as commercial or 2 industrial property.> Page 24, by inserting after line 21, the 3 <u>#2.</u>

4 following:

. APPLICABILITY DATE. The sections of <Sec. 6 this division of this Act amending section 441.37 apply to protests of assessment filed after January 1, 8 2006.>

9 #3. By renumbering as necessary.

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